(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be telecast?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) No, Sir. At present, Government has no such proposal.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Attachment of special Bogie with Patna-New Delhi Bound Superfast Train

2921. SHRI RAMASHRAYA PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received suggestions about attaching a special bogie with Patna-New Delhi bound Superfast train for the purpose of going to Surat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have taken any action in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (d) Some representations have been received including from Shri S.D Singh, President, Bihar Vikas Parishad, Surat regarding provision of bogies for Patna from Surat. No separate bogies are proposed. However, it has been decided to inctroduce a weekly Express between Surat and Patna in 1997-98.

Gauge Conversion

2922. SHRI DILEEP SANGHANI :
SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL:
SHRI SANAT MEHTA :
SHRI DINSHA PATEL :
SHRIMATI BHAVNABEN DEVRAJ BHAI CHAKHALIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted to extend Rajkot-Veraval railway line proposed for conversion into broad gauge line, upto Kodinar, for conversion of Gandhidham-Bhuj metre gauge line into broad gauge line and for conversion of Surendranagar-Bhavnagar metre gauge line into broad gauge line and its extension upto Pipavav *via* Alamy;

(b) if so, the details thereof, project-wise;

(c) the funds allocated for each of these projcets during 1997-98;

(d) whether the conversion work of Rajkot-Veraval rail line is running behind the schedule;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to accelerate the progress?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The project-wise details are as under :

	Project	Cost (in crs.)	Proposed Funds for 97-98	Status
1.	Rajkot-Veraval and its extension upto Kodinar (185 km.)	100.00	13.00	Work is in progress and is targetted to be completed by 31.12.99
2.	Gandhidham-Bhuj (58 Km.)	42.30	02.12	Work is in progress and is targetted to be completed by 31.12.98
3.	Surendranagar-Bhavnagar, Dhola-Dhasa-Mahuva and its extension upto Pipavav (385 Km.)	337.00	0.01	Work would be started shortly and would be completed during IXth Plan period.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Main reasons for delay are constraints of resources and relatively low operational priority of the line.

(f) In 1997-98 adequate funds have been provided for accelerating the work of this project.

[Translation]

Local Call Facilities

2923. SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV : Will the Minister COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria under which neighbouring cities of Delhi